

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION Garrett County

October 2023 Newsletter

4-H History Spotlight

We recently celebrated National 4-H Week with a look back to 4-H's rich history as well as spotlighting the amazing work of today's youth. Throughout National 4-H Week, our social media campaign and press releases shared the unique history of the 4-H organization, fun project spotlights, and pictures and stories of the 4-H club work happening across Garrett County.

4-H History

In the late 1800's researchers discovered adults in the farming community did not readily accept new agricultural developments. The younger generations were more open to experimenting these new ideas and sharing their experiences. The youth from these rural programs introduced new agriculture technology to communities.

1902 - THE BIRTH OF 4-H



January 15, 1902, Albert Belmont Graham, superintendent of the Springfield Township Schools organized a meeting with thirty boys and girls. Agricultural topics such as harvesting corn, planting a garden, and testing soil samples were discussed at these meetings. This group later became known as the "Boys and Girls Agricultural Club."



1908 - OFFICIALLY 4-H

A year later in 1908 the four-leaf clover appeared informally. It wasn't until 1911 that the fourth H became officially known as health. This is also the same year that 4-H became the official name of these agricultural clubs.

1959 - MD 4-H FOUNDATION

In 1959 the Maryland 4-H Foundation was created. The purpose of this foundation was to support national trips, state events, county grants, programs, awards, scholarships, and program endowments.



1907 - THE FIRST APPEARANCE

In 1907 the 4-H emblem made its first appearance as a three-leaf clover. Each leaf presented an "H" which stood for head, heart, and hands.



1914 - SMITH-LEVER ACT

On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Smith-Lever Act. This act created Cooperative Extension and nationalized 4-H. Cooperative Extension combines the expertise and resources of federal, state, and local educational programs. There are over 100 land-grant universities and more than 3,000 county offices across the nation.

PRESENT

4-H is the largest youth development organization in the United States. The 4-H community also includes more than 3,500 professionals, 538,000 volunteers, and 60 million alumni members. Youth are eligible to join from ages 8-18. There are over 75 project areas focused on STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.



New STEM Class Being Offered

Join us for the next 4-H STEM program being held on Thursday, October 12th from 2-3 p.m. at the Extension Office. Youth will build their own catapult and test how far they can launch pom-pom pumpkins. We will also include a variety of pumpkin science activities to enjoy. Call the office today to register at 301-334-6960.

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PUMPKIN SCIENCE

Garrett County 4-H
STEM CORNER

Thursday, October 12 (school 1/2 day)
2-3 pm
Garrett County 4-H Office Meeting Room

All materials provided
Space is limited
Sign up today by calling
301-334-6960



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Plan To Stop By Tractor Supply and Support Our 4-H Clubs!

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.

All of the funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefit 4-H youth. 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised and the remaining 10% support the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.

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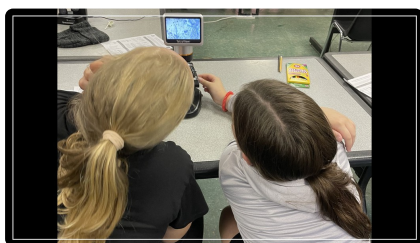


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Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.

Outdoor Schools Benefit From Watershed Activities

UME Home Horticulture Educators from both Allegany County (Sarah Llewellyn) and Garrett County (Ashley Bachtel-Bodkins), have been helping with sessions at the six-week long, Allegany County Public School Dr. C. Fred Sloan Outdoor School. This annual event is held in Garrett County at the Maryland 4-H Environmental Education & Camping Center. 5th grade students are getting to take a deeper dive into the Chesapeake Bay Watershed through several hands-on activities offered by our UME Educators.



Are You Water-Wise?

Water-Wise, University of Maryland Extension in Garrett County's signature program for recognizing landscapes that are implementing conservation landscaping initiatives is still accepting

participants for 2024 site evaluations. If you would like to have your property certified, it is free of charge! Visit the [yardstick tool](https://www.yardsticktool.com) and see if you have 36" of credit. If so, call 301-334-6960 or email abachtel@umd.edu to get on the schedule for certification today. Pictured below center is Roberta Carlino who just obtained the Water-Wise Certification along with Garrett County Master Gardeners, Dick Potts, on the left and Jo Ann Kociolek, on the right.



Pollinator Garden Revamp At Discovery Center

Master Gardeners have been partnering with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources- Park Service at the Discovery Center to reinvigorate the pollinator garden in front of the building with plants that will offer pollen, nectar, and larval food sources.



Plan Ahead Meals for Busy Weeknights



Planning and prepping ahead your weeknight meals can save you loads of time given our busy lives and family activities. Check out the current [Eat Smart Blog](#) for healthy meal planning tips.

Position Opening for Nutrient Management Advisor for Garrett/Allegany Counties



Join Our Team!

The University of Maryland Extension is seeking dedicated individuals to join our team as Nutrient Management Advisors. Our mission is to provide educational programs and resources to Maryland farmers, helping them implement environmentally responsible nutrient management practices. As a Nutrient Management Advisor, you will play a crucial role in helping Maryland farmers develop and implement nutrient management plans. We are looking for individuals who are passionate about agriculture, have strong communication and organizational skills, and an understanding of farming operations and computer systems. There are multiple positions statewide at various locations, more information is available at <https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/113947>.

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Free Chromebook For Your Family

Do you qualify for a free Chromebook? Check out the link below to see and you can get yours free at any of the Ruth Enlow Library Branches.




Connected Devices (Chromebook) Program - Broadband

Garrett County Government Connected Devices (Chromebook) program, distributing Chromebooks to families in need through a grant from the Maryland DHCD and in partnership with the Ruth Enlow Libraries.

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